MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether the Executive Engineer has visited the tank and submitted the estimate for repairing it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Have the Government enquired how the fields that were being fed by the tank are now being fed and whether any hardship is being experienced by the people?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): Government have not enquired.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether they have received representations from the people of that place urging the necessity for restoring the tank?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): What action has been taken on that?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*): An estimate has been called for for the restoration of the tank.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the Government whether the Government are realising water-tax from that?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Probably they are.

Manufacture of Rubber Goods.

242. ***MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is true that Mr. Helen keeps the manufacture of rubber goods an absolute secret, carrying out all the operations behind closed doors?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know from Government whether the subordinates of the Rubber Factory have been able to produce rubber manufactured goods?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): The subordinates of the Rubber Factory are put in charge of different sections of work in the factory and they are interested in manufacturing rubber goods.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from Government whether there is any secrecy at all kept as regards the manufacture of rubber goods in the Rubber Factory?

MR C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): The subordinates in the Rubber Factory are being gradually taught the process for the manufacture of rubber.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether in the agreement between Mr. Helen and the Government there is any condition to say that the secret of the manufacture should not be taught to the subordinates?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): There is no such condition.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether there was any occasion when Mr. Helen took any objection to the teaching of the process of manufacture of rubber goods to the subordinates of the department?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : There was no such occasion.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Do Government think it profitable to see that Travancoreans are trained under Mr. Helen in regard to the manufacture of rubber goods ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : It is a matter of opinion.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) ; May I know whether any attempt has been made by Government to see that Travancoreans are taught the manufacture of rubber goods by Mr. Helen ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : I do not understand the question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether there is anybody else in the Rubber Factory on whose service the Travancore Government can count upon in regard to the manufacture of rubber goods ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether the Government can say that there is anybody else in the Rubber Factory who knows the manufacture of rubber goods ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Direceor of Indstries*) : I have already answered that question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether there is any person in the Rubber Factory who knows the manufacture of rubber goods to the extent to which Mr. Helen knows ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : There is one.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know, whether Mr. Helen is in service ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : Yes.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know whether he is now in charge of the Rubber Factory ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : He is on leave at present.

MR P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know, how long he is on leave ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : About two months.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the Rubber Factory suffered on account of the absence of Mr. Helen ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : In the beginning there was some difficulty.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether all the goods that were manufactured during Mr. Helen's time are now being manufactured ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : Things required for the market are being manufactured.

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